

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA GAINESVILLE DIVISION

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The official location of this position is in Gainesville, Florida.

The duties of the United States Magistrate Judge are demanding and wide-ranging and include: conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trials and disposition of misdemeanor cases; and conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

Part-time magistrate judges are governed by unique application of the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Conflict of Interest Rules for Part-time Magistrate Judges. The code and rules affect the practice of law of the part-time magistrate judge.

To be qualified for appointment as a United States Magistrate Judge an applicant must:

1. be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
2. be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
3. be less than seventy years old;
4. not be related to a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida within the degree specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458; and
5. meet the citizenship requirements specified in 5 U.S.C. § 3101, as well as citizenship requirements for employees compensated from appropriated funds.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the United States District Judges for the Northern District of Florida, in confidence, those three persons it considers best qualified. The court will appoint an individual to the United States Magistrate Judge position following an FBI full-field background investigation and an IRS tax check of the selected applicant. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 90 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101-111) as implemented by the Judicial Conference of the United States. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, national origin, or disability. A community's belief that a court dispenses justice is heightened when the court reflects the community's racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

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The current annual salary for this part-time position is \$61,658 per year. Pursuant to the salary structure approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, this position is compensated at the third highest salary level for part-time magistrate judge positions. A part-time magistrate judge compensated at the third highest salary level is expected to perform duties equivalent to a 30 percent workload or more of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge, requiring 600 hours of work per year. Participation in a full range of benefits is offered including, but not limited to, retirement and health, life, disability, and long-term care insurance. Relocation expenses will not be paid. The term of office is four (4) years.

Applications and additional information about the United States Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Court at all four divisional offices of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida and on the Court's website at www.flnd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be received in accordance with the instructions provided by **May 13, 2022**. Applications and all other requested documents must be submitted only by the applicant personally, indicating the person's willingness to serve if selected. Applications must be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to:

ATTN: CONFIDENTIAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT 22-MJ-001
Jessica J. Lyublanovits, Clerk of Court
United States Courthouse
One North Palafox Street
Pensacola, Florida 32502

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The merit selection panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

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